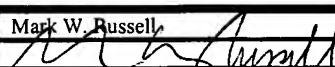


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/048,104
	Filing Date	June 17, 2002
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	Examiner Name	George Y. Wang
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under CFR 1.114.**
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0320.**
 - b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$790.00 and 980.00 are enclosed for the following:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (3 Months)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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